

**Minutes**  
**Woodstock Agriculture Commission**  
**Monday, January 12, 2015 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room**

**Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, S. Morse, L. Weaver. Alternate: P. Miller, L. Auger, J. Hermonot**

**I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:02 p.m.

**II. Assignment of Alternates** – J. Hermonot was assigned as a member.

**III. Public Participation:** N/A

**IV. Minutes of the December meeting:** R. Norman moved to accept the minutes and P. Miller seconded. Voted and approved.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. WINY Farmer Talks – S. Morse reported that Gary Osbrey suggested the Talks be scheduled quarterly, rather than monthly as we have done the past few years. The dates are: march 4, June 3, August 18 and December 2.
- b. Schools & Business Buy Local List – **Action:** S. Morse to send final draft to L. Auger to email. He will also send some letters via USPO.
- c. POCD – It was noted that Norman's Sugar House was omitted from the list of farms in the POCD. R. Seybolt to ensure that is corrected. It was also noted that the WAGC section of the POCD submitted in 2012 has been added to the file, but did not make the official version submitted to the State. Members were asked to attend the upcoming POCD meeting and public hearing, if possible.
- d. Contact Information – **Action:** L. Auger received additional contact information and will email all members.
- e. Perrin/Quarry Rd. Timber Harvest – Discussion on if and to what degree WAGC should be involved in such matters in the future resulted in the desire for the WAGC to be part of the process since timber is part of agriculture. D. Young was attended the walk-through representing WAGC.
- f.

**VI. New Business:**

- a. Election of Officers – It was unanimously agreed to keep the same officers.
- b. Minutes and Town Website – L. Auger reported that the website is all up to date.
- c. Soils Information for BOS – R. Seybolt reported that the Conservation Commission would like to speak to WAGC about town owned property for the purpose of working together to identify potential agricultural parcels. S. Morse reported that he has a copy of the Environmental Review Team Report for Town Owned Land in Woodstock, CT prepared by RC&D in 1985. At that time, soil reports were made on 14 sites. There are 4 more sites owned by the town over 5 acres that WAGC that should have soil reports, also. **Action:** R. Seybolt to follow-up with A. Walker to request that NRCS provide soil reports on those 4 parcels.
- d. Barley for Roseland Lake – R. Seybolt reported that B. Zimmerman wanted to know if anyone was interested in growing barley which is used to mitigate lake issues. A discussion revealed that it was not economically feasible and that there isn't enough land to farm at the present time. **Action:** R. Seybolt to ask B. Zimmerman to create an email to send out to our producer list.
- e. Woodstock Grown Brochures – It was decided to update the brochure, the format to be determined once changes, additional and deletions are received. **Action:** L. Auger will begin working on this project and will check with J. Walberg to see if there are any new farms the Commission is not aware of.
- f. Budget – After discussion, it was agreed to submit a request for a total of \$700 (\$500 for the brochure and \$200 for other expenses). **Action:** R. Seybolt to submit budget.

**VII. Other-**

- a. 2015 Meeting Schedule – WAGC will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month except in January and February, where due to holidays, it will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:44pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.